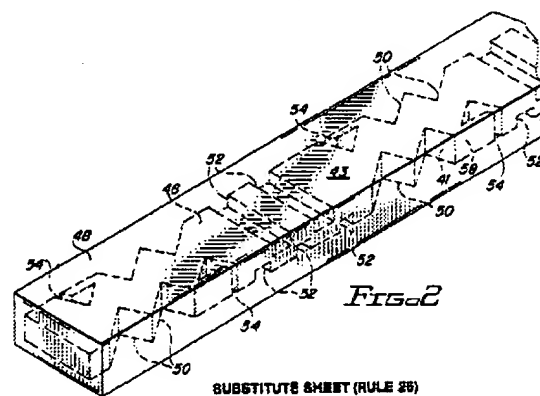
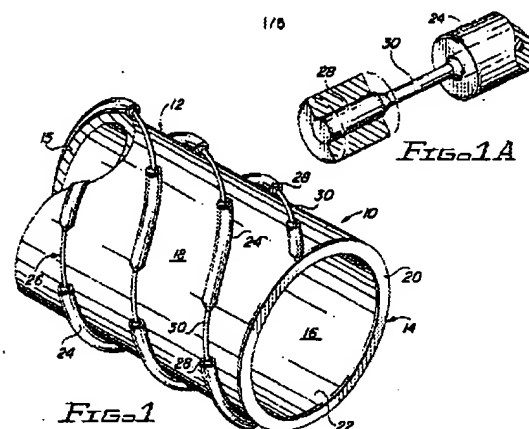


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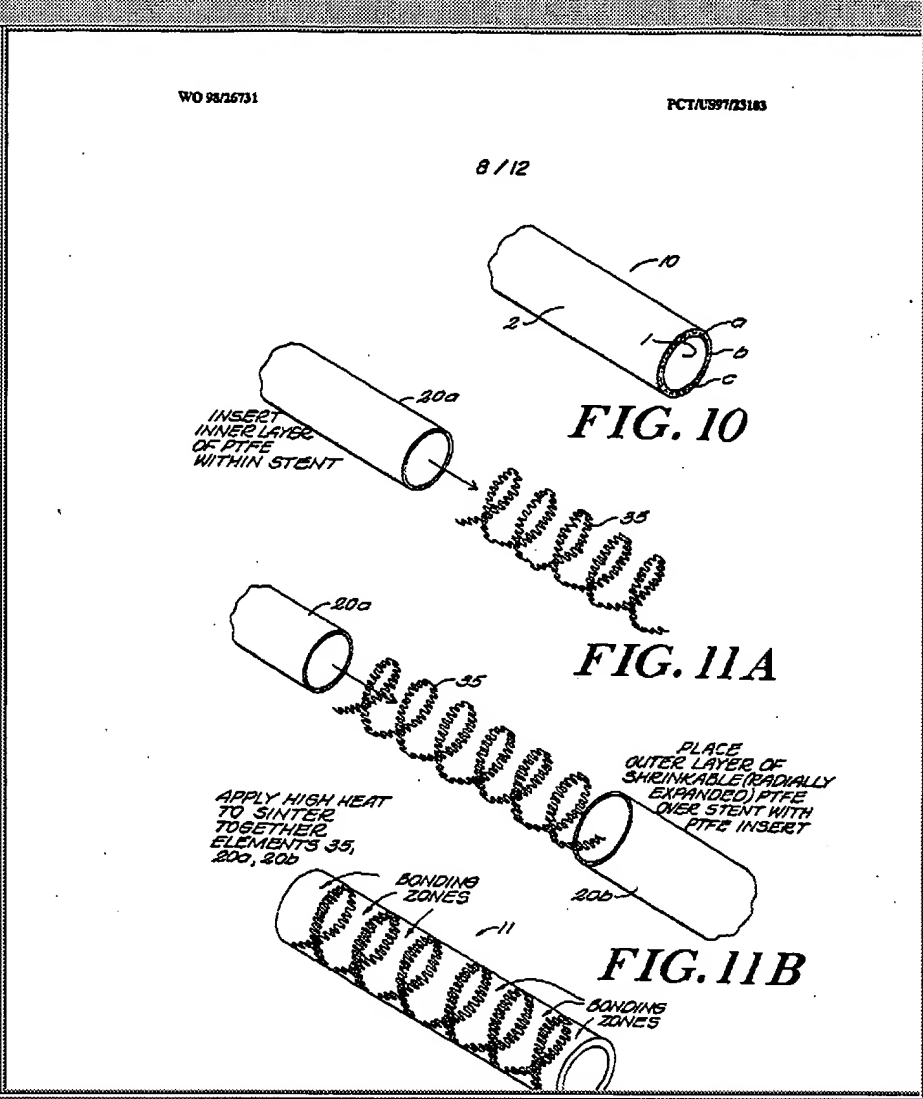
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TRANSPLANTATION INSTRUMENT, METHOD OF BENDING TRANSPLANTATION INSTRUMENTS, AND APPARATUS FOR INTRODUCING BENT TRANSPLANTATION INSTRUMENT INTO CATHETER.

⑦ A method of bending an artificial blood vessel (A). First, an artificial blood vessel (A) is formed by a pair of mutually separated ring-shaped wire members (10_a, 10_b), a tubular outer member (7) connecting the wire members (10_a, 10_b) together and consisting of a flexible and innard sheet, and intermediate ring-shaped wire members (12) arranged intermittently between the two ring-shaped wire members (10_a, 10_b) and fixedly sewn or bonded at their outer circumferential portions on or to the outer member (7). When the front ring-shaped wire member (10_a) is drawn forward at the portions thereof which correspond to diametrically opposite divisional points (41_a, 43_a) thereon while restricting the forward movement, which occurs in conjunction with this drawing operation, of the portions of the front wire member (10_a) which correspond to intermediate point (42_a, 44_a) between the divisional points (41_a,

43_a) by projections (18c) provided on tapering surface (18d) of a funnel type cylinder (18), this allowing the front ring-shaped wire member (10_a) to be bent wavyly so that the portions of the divisional points (41_a, 43_a) extend forward so as to form summits of mountains with the portions of the intermediate points (42_a, 44_a) forming the bottoms of ravines. When the portions of the divisional points (41_b, 43_b) of the front ring-shaped wire member (10_b) are further drawn forward, the intermediate ring-shaped wire members (12) and rear ring-shaped wire member (10_b) are bent wavyly with the same phase as that of the front ring-shaped wire member (10_a) owing to the restricting effect of the tapering surface (18d) and projections (18c). As a result, the artificial blood vessel as a whole is folded into small segments.

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